# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Oct. 13th, 1879*

The Council met at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor presiding, with the following members attending: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Muirhead, Thompson, Stringer, Skinner, Taylor, Greer, Edleston, Glass, Gray, Boyd, Scarrow, Raynor, Peel, Ardill, Williams and Hiscox.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were then read:

From J. A. White, Secretary of the Reception Committee, requesting that the sum of $200, the grant of the County Council, be placed to their credit. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From James Griffin asking premission to erect a frame addition to building on Richmond Street. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Geo. Norris, petitioning to remove a woodshed to the back of lot fronting on Wellington street. Granted.

From E. Beltz and James Bell, Treas. and Sec. of the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Hall buildings, a request that a gas lamp be placed in front of the entrance to the Hall on Dundas street. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas.

The number of street lamps not lighted for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, '79. No. 37. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas.

City Clerk report from Adam Murray, Esq., County Treasurer, enclosing a return of the fees received by the police for the year ending 30th September, 1879, ($750.04) for service. Fyled. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Gas Co., for lighting the city, &c., $1,734 62. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee. M. D. Dawson, for printing, $16.25. Referred to Printing Committee. Wm. Williams, for bill posting, $9.50. Referred to Finance Committee.

The By-law to authorize the surrender of certain lands to Her Majesty and the execution of a covenant with Her Majesty for the surrender to her of certain other lands, was read the third time.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that this constitute the reading and the By-law now pass. Carried.

Ald. Campbell, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts, and find them correct:

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| City Hospital account for September | $ 555 19 |
| Fire Department account | 903 40 |
| Relief to poor | 30 35 |
| City Hall account | 22 00 |
| Board of Health | 4 00 |
| Registry Office | 6 00 |
| Incidental expenses | 52 00 |
| Park Committee | 4 00 |
| Police statistics | 9 00 |
| Pay sheet for city officers | 2417 67 |
| *Catholic Record* account | 4 80 |
| | $4007 41 |

Your Committee would report that they have considered the matter complained of by Ald. Raynor in the annual statement, and have referred it to the Auditors, with instructions to report at the end of the quarter, when the same will be submitted to this Council.

The by-law in reference to the conveyance of certain lands, your Committee would recommend that it be finally passed.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Thompson, submitted the following report.

"Your Committee would recommend that the report of the Engineer on repairs and improvements to the Market be adopted, the work comprising the following:—

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| Reshingling Weigh House | $ 60 |
| Repairing Sidewalks | 100 |
| Gravelling on Square | 75 |
| Water-closets and Urinal (basement) | 150 |
| Water Supply in Basement | 30 |
| Drinking Fountain | 40 |
| Cleaning, Whitening and Painting | 100 |
| | $555 |

"Your Committee would also recommend that one of the stalls up stairs be fitted up for the use of the grain-buyers, provided they are willing to pay the annual rent fixed by the Market Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Williams, chairman, submitted the following report :

Your Committee having again examined the account for repairing the caretaker's quarters, on the Exhibition Grounds, recommend the same for payment, amounting to $475·47.

On the petition of James Jackson, complaining that the pound-keepers of the north part of the city had overcharged him 92 cents for impounding 13 geese, your Committee recommend no action.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

The yeas and nays being called for the following vote was recorded : Yeas—Alds. Pritchard, Campbell, Muirhead, Thompson, Stringer, Taylor, Greer, Eddleston, Ardill, Boyd, Williams. Nays—Alds. Skinner, Hiscox, Glass, Gray, Scarrow, Rayner, Peel.

Ald. Glass, chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report :

Your Committee would beg leave to report, that having examined the books of the Fire Department, we found some slight difference in the weight of the provender, which was explained to the satisfaction of your Committee. We would take the liberty of recommending to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee the necessity of having a daily journal placed in the Firemen's Hall, so that everything in connection with the Department shall be entered thereon. Your Committee would further recommend, that an inventory of everything belonging to the Fire Department be furnished to the Council at least once every year.

Your Committee would strongly urge upon the Council the desirability of calling for tenders for provender for the horses belonging to the Fire Department, said tenders to be called for during the month of September, and to be paid for quarterly. Your Committee have seen that deputations have gone to several places, some of them without the sanction of the Council; we would most respectfully recommend that no deputation proceed on any business in connection with the city without the sanction of the Council. Your Committee would strongly and respectfully recommend that in the future the Chief of the Fire Department devote his whole attention and undivided time to the interest of the city ; and further, that he shall in nowise leave the city on any business without permission from the Mayor or Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

In the matter relative to the purchase and sale of horses, or any other city property, Your Committee respectfully recommend that in no case shall any property be sold, or money obtained therefore, without the sanction of the Council ; and further, that in no case shall any Alderman receive payment for said property, but it shall be the duty of the purchaser to pay for said property to the Chamberlain, taking his receipt therefore, and that on producing said receipt he (the purchaser) shall be entitled to take away his property, and not otherwise. Your Committee would take the liberty of urging on the Council the necessity of calling for tenders for watering the streets earlier in the season, as we are fully convinced that considerable saving to the city would be effected thereby, and the annoyance from dust which the citizens have been subjected to be obviated. We would further recommend that in future the contractors for watering the streets be given to understrnd that they shall not receive any assistance from the city in supplying them with men to fill their carts, as is done at present.

Your Committee recommend that handbills be printed and posted at or near hydrants and fire boxes, cautioning all persons from tampering with hydrants or fire boxes, as recommended by the report of the 4th of August ; and that coal be tendered for not later than June.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that in future no officer of this corporation shall be paid at any time for work performed, or services rendered by him to this city, a larger sum than what has been voted him by this Council in adopting the Salary Committee's report, thereby fixing all salaries for the current year ; and that all fees or charges that may be legally made and collected for the performance of any work or duties appertaining to any of the offices of this corporation be handed over to the City Chamberlain at once, and that in no case, or under any circumstances, shall any officer



or officers be allowed to retain or appropriate any of said fees or charges to his own use or benefit, except under penalty of immediate dismissal from office, and that this resolution be referred to the City Solicitor to embody in the by-laws now being revised by this Council, and that this resolution take effect from the beginning of the coming year. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Peel, that the matter be referred to the Salaries' Committee, to report at the next meeting. Lost.

Ald. Pritchard wished to know whether any of the Police Force were making out the Criminal Statistics.

Chief Williams, at the request of the Mayor, stated that no one in the force was assisting in the making of the returns in question.

Ald. Scarrow gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would move that the claim of J. Grant be paid.

Moved by Ald. Greer, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the Finance Committee be requested to take into consideration the propriety of appointing a Police Clerk and reporting to this Council at the next meeting. Carried.

Ald. Egan moved the resolution of which he gave notice last meeting, namely —"That a petition be presented to the Legislature, asking the passage of an Act reducing the number of Aldermen in a Ward from three to two, and that the Act be passed, to take effect on January next."

The members, however, left their seats, and the Council adjourned for want of a quorum.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Oct. 17th, 1879*

The Council met at the usual hour. His Worship the Mayor in the chair, with the following members present:—Alds. Campbell, Pritchard, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Eddlestone, Hiscox, Glass, Gray, Ardell, Scarrow, Peel and Rayner.

The City Solicitor submitted sections 121 to 167 inclusive, which were read, amended and passed.

On motion the Council adjourned until Thursday, 23rd inst.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Oct. 20th, 1879*

The Council met at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present — Alds. Pritchard, Campbell, Powell, Fitzgerald, Stringer, Gray, Taylor, Edleston, Glass, Ardell, Boyd, Scarrow, Williams, Peel, Raynor, Muirhead. Greer, Glass, Egan, Skinner, Hiscox and Thompson.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and signed by His Worship, the following communications were read :

From W. J. Freeland and others, on behalf of the Y. M. C. A., asking that the taxes on Victoria Hall be remitted upon the consideration of its purely philantrophic objects. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Smith & Fitzgerald, asking permission to lay an underground pipe on King and Clarence streets to the Great Western Railway crossing on Clarence street from their establishment. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From M. Masuret & Co., asking for remission of taxes on property previously occupied by Mr. G. Moorehead, the latter gentleman having agreed to pay the taxes and failed to do so. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

A petition from Messrs. S. Grigg, Hobbs, Osborne & Hobbs and some 12 others was read, asking to have the refuse matter removed from the gutter, and the gutter paved, on the east side of Richmond street, between York and King streets, and to have the crossings raised to a level with the sidewalks. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Pritchard—Before passing these minutes I would like to ask a question. I asked at the last meeting of the Council—though it does not appear in the written but in the printed minutes—whether the Police Statistics were made out by any member of the force. My answer from the Chief was "No." I am now prepared to prove that the reply should have been "Yes."

After explanations by the Mayor the matter was dropped.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report :

The Finance Committee beg to report on Mr. White's communication, asking to have the amount of $200 voted by the County Council towards defraying the expenses of the Vice-Regal visit, and now in the hands of the City Chamberlain. We would recommend that as soon as all the accounts have been carefully examined, and, if necessary, taxed by the Executive Committee, that the money be handed over to said committee, to be applied to the purpose for which it was granted.

In the matter of the appointment of clerk for the Police Court, Committee would report progress. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hiscox, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, Ald. Pritchard read the following special report of the majority :

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :—

GENTLEMEN,—A majority of the members of the Board of Works, who feel that they cannot work harmoniously with its Chairman, and knowing that many important matters have been referred to them to report upon, but so far have not been considered, deem it our duty to offer the following suggestions on that most important of all questions—general city improvements.

It is generally admitted that the system so far adopted has been more or less defective. The ward appropriation system, although having its merits, is not generally approved of. The present mode of repairs is also very defective. It therefore becomes the duty of the Council to inaugurate some more perfect mode of doing the necessary city improvements. We are fully aware there are many difficulties to be overcome in maturing a just frontage tax system. The interests of those who have not benefited by former expenditures

must be protected, or, in other words, they must receive some compensation for the large amount of taxes paid by them for so many years before frontage tax would be feasible.

The matter having been fully considered, we now beg to make the following suggestions, which, if approved of by you, we would recommend to be embodied in a by-law and submitted to the electors at the next municipal election :—

Commencing January the 1st, 1880, and continuing for one year, all improvements be paid for in the following way :—One-fourth of all expenditure to be levied as a special tax on the property opposite which such expenditure is made, the balance to be paid out of the general fund.

The second year one-half to be paid as frontage tax, and the balance from general fund.

The third year three-fourths should be paid by the property-holders, by which time improvements would be so general that the system would work without injustice to any.

A. K. Thompson,
Ald. Taylor,
John Williams,
Robt. Pritchard.

Moved by Ald. Skinner, seconded by Ald. Glass, that the report be referred to the Board of Works, and that the Chairman of each Committee be added to the Board of Works.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the matter be laid over till the next meeting of the Council.

Moved in Amendment to the Amendment by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Grey, that the matter be referred to a special Committee. Lost.

First amendment carried.

Ald. Powell verbally reported that it became necessary to have gas light introduced into the hospital, and asked that the Hospital Committee be authorized to have it done.

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the matter be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee to report as to expenditure involved. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Grey, that the account of M. D. Dawson, $16.25, be paid. Carried.

Ald. Egan moved the resolution of which he gave notice at a previous meeting, seconded by Ald. Glass, that a petition be presented to the Legislature asking the passage of an Act reducing the number of Aldermen in a Ward from three to two, and that the Act be passed to take effect on January next.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that this Council proceed to a redivision of the Wards of the city, pursuant to section 20 of the Municipal Act, so that the city shall be divided into four wards. All north of Dundas street to be divided into two wards and all south of Dundas street into two wards, the division to be made so as to equalize the wards as nearly as possible ; three Aldermen to be elected from each ward as required by the Municipal Act.

Ald. Campbell—I am greatly in favor of Ald. Fitzgerald's motion. I am perfectly satisfied that the business of this Council can be transacted in half the time by half the number.

Ald. Pritchard moved, in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that all wards be abolished, and that the Aldermen, eleven in number, be elected by the entire vote of the city.

Finally the Board was represented by the following: Campbell, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Glass, Powell, Scarrow, Egan and Peel, who adjourned for want of a quorum.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Oct. 23rd, 1879*

The Council met Thursday night in the Chamber, His Worship the Mayor presiding, with the following members of the Board present: Alds. Campbell, Pritchard, Thompson, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Glass, Grey and Raynor.

A quorum not being present no business was transacted.

# Council Proceedings.

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*Council Chamber, Oct. 27th, 1879*

The Council met at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present—Alds. Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Hiscox, Greer, Edleston, Glass, Gray, Ardell, Scarrow Rayner, Campbell, Powell, Fitzgerald, Boyd, Pritchard.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed by His Worship.

The following communications were then read :

From Mrs. Newcombe, on behalf of the W. C. A., asking a grant for the Women's Refuge. Finance and Assessment.

From Samuel Stewart, asking that the Council approve of a building lately erected by him on Richmond street. Granted.

From A. Jacobs, of St. Thomas, praying that his taxes be reduced, as the property was over-rated. Finance and Assessment.

From A. McArthur, praying the Council that a fine imposed by the P. M. for blockading the streets, be remitted. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From the *Free Press* Printing Company, an account of $297.20. Referred to Printing and Finance Committee.

From T. H. Tracey, City Engineer, an estimate for repairing certain streets, $260.

From James Griffin, relative to former application. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

The By-law for levying taxes for the city of London for the year 1879, read the first, second, and third time, and passed.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman, submitted the following report :

Your Committee would report funds for

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| John Christie's account..... | $475 47 |
| Wm. Williams, bill posting..... | 9 50 |
| Total..... | $484 97 |

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Ald. Egan, Chairman of Fire, Water and Gas Committee, submitted the following report :

The petition of C. P. Smith and Frederick A. Fitzgerald. Action was deferred, on account of objections raised by Mr. Slater.

The petition of James Griffin, asking privilege of erecting a frame addition to No. 5 tenement of terrace on Richmond street. Your Committee recommend not granting prayer of said petition.

The petition of Oddfellows asking for a lamp to be erected opposite their Hall, Dundas street. Your Committee recommend no action, on account of the number of lamps already in the immediate vicinity.

Your Committee recommend City Gas Company's account per quarter ending 1st October, 1879, amounting to $1,716.62.

In the matter of putting gas into the City Hospital, your Committee have received the following estimates :—Cost of conveying gas from mains, $64 ; cost of fixtures, $100 ; total, $164. Would recommend the expenditure.

Letters were received from A. Harvey claiming amount for street watering for 1878. Report that the matter stand for further consideration without delay.

Your Committee has advertised for tenders for the supply of coal, present contract expiring on the 1st November.

Moved by Ald. Hiscox, seconded by Ald. Greer, that the report be committed, with the Mayor in the chair. Carried.

First clause read and passed. Second clause read.

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Rayner, that the prayer be granted. Lost.

Clause passed.

Third, fourth, and fifth clauses read and passed. Sixth clause read

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter be referred to arbitration.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, that the clause be struck out. Carried.

On a division a tie was declared, when His Gorship made the casting vote with the yeas.

Seventh clause read and passed.

On motion the Committee arose, His Worship in the chair.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted as amended. Carried.

Ald. Scarrow moved the resolution of which he had given notice that the claim of James Grant, of $22, for sheep destroyed by dogs, be paid.

Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald. Rayner, that the claim be paid. Lost.

Ald. Pritchard introduced the consideration of the special report of the Board of Works.

Ald. Glass moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee Lost.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the last report, and the matter of the public baths and sewerage, be re referred to the Finance Committee and the gentlemen submitting the special report. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee and Board of Works. Lost.

Moved by Ald Powell, seconded by Ald. Williams, that, owing to the fact being reported to this Council that Ald. Peel having exceeded his request in the erection of a permanent wooden building, instead of a temporary structure, as he requested, resolved that the Council request the Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee to inspect the said building and report the facts in connection therewith at the next meeting of the Council. Carried.

Ald. Egan brought up his resolution moved at previous meetings of the Council. That a petition be presented to the Legislature asking the passage of an Act reducing the number of Aldermen in a Ward from three to two, and that the Act be passed to take effect on January next.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that this Council proceed to a redivision of the wards of the city, pursuant to Section 2 of the Municipal Act, so that the city shall be divided into four wards—all north of Dundas street to be divided into two wards, and all south of Dundas street into two wards, the division to be made so as to equalize the wards as nearly as possible; three aldermen to be elected from each ward, as required by the Municipal Act. Lost.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that all wards be abolished, and that the Aldermen, eleven in number, be elected by the entire vote of the city. Lost.

Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the matter be laid over for six months.

YEAS.—Thompson, Stringer, Taylor, Hiscox, Greer, Edleston, Williams, Scarrow, Rayner—9.

NAYS.—Muirhead, Campbell, Powell, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Glass, Ardell and Egan—8.

Ald. Scarrow gave notice that he would move that the office of tax collector be abolished, and that the taxes be paid directly into the City Treasurer.

The Council then adjourned for two weeks.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Nov. 10th, 1879*

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual hour in the Council Chambers, His Worship in the chair. Present, Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Peel, Rayner, Scarrow, Glass, Edleston, Greer, Taylor, Stringer, Skinner, Muirhead, Boyd, Williams, Egan, Powell, Fitzgerald, Grey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by His Worship.

The following communications were read:

From Wm. J. Smallwell, on behalf of the Carriage-makers Assembly Committee, asking the use of City Hall for holding their anniversary, offering to pay $10 for the same and $2 for the Janitor. Granted.

From Thos. Morkin, asking petition to remove building on Richmond street about 12 feet south of present position. Granted.

From Wm. Harris, Esq., Attorney for Alexander Harvey, a writ of summons. Referred to City Solicitor.

From R. Wigmore, for serving notices, an account of $3.00. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners—report of the action of the Board in relation to making out criminal statistics. Referred to Finance Committee.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

1st. The Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts, find them correct and would recommend the same to be paid:

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| Hospital account | $ 481 93 |
| Fire Departmen | 247 94 |
| City Gas Co. account | 1,716 62 |
| *Free Press* Printing Co | 297 27 |
| | $2,743 76 |

2nd. Referring to petitions your Committee would recommend that in the case of Alex. McArthur, a Grand Trunk teamster, for remission of fine, the prayer of the petition, be granted.

3rd. In the petition of Mrs. Newcombe and others, for assistance to Refuge, we would recommend that they receive a grant of $200.

4th. In the petition of Mrs. Bowman, Green and others, no action.

5th. Your Committee would further report that they have had a meeting with the Warden and members of the Finance Committee of the County Council, relative to arranging the proportionate amounts each municipality should assume in the payment of juries; when, after considering the matter carefully and conferring with our solicitor, we agreed to take the list of jury cases tried from city and county during these last three years as our guide. This leaves three-fifths of the cost to be paid by the county and two-fifths by the city. We would respectfully recommend that this arrangement be adopted by the Council, to commence from the 1st of January, 1878, and continue until the 31st day of December, 1884, and that your Committee be empowered to have this agreement confirmed with the county.

Moved by Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment that the report be taken up *seriatim*.

The report was taken up. 1st, 2nd and 3rd clause read and adopted.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Rayner, that the 3rd clause be struck out. Lost.

Clause passed.

4th clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the report be amended by substituting the following words, "That the prayer of the petition be granted."

Upon motion, Sheriff Glass, Mr. Jeffery and Mr. H. C. Green were read.

Amendment carried.

Fifth clause read and passed.

The yeas and nays being called for on 4th clause, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS—Greer, Thompson, Powell, Skinner, Stringer, Hiscox, Edleston, Williams, Scarrow, Peel—10.

NAYS — Campbell, Pritchard, Taylor, Glass, Raynor, Boyd—6.

Ald. Egan, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee beg to report that the tender for coal of Thomas Myles was ac-

cepted, it being the lowest, and as follows: Chestnut per ton, $6.50; Egg, $5.60; Stove, $5.80; Briarhill, $6.

Your Committee have painted and stored away the watering carts in the Exhibition building; also that the watering carts have been insured.

Upon motion the report was received.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman, submitted the following report:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the questions of frontage tax, sewerage and public baths, beg to report as follows:

With reference to frontage tax, we would recommend that this system be adopted in future on all general city improvements that may be made, to take effect on the 1st day of January, 1880, and during said year 25 per cent. of the cost of all the improvements done shall be paid by a frontage tax on the property opposite where the improvements are made, the balance to be paid by the Corporation.

During the year 1881, 50 per cent. of all the improvements done shall be paid by a frontage tax on the property opposite where said improvements are made, and the balance to be paid by the Corporation.

During the year 1882, 75 per cent. of all the improvements done shall be paid by a frontage tax on the property opposite where said improvements are made, and the balance to be paid by the Corporation.

And from first day of January, 1883, the whole of the costs of the improvements made in the city shall be paid by a frontage tax on the property opposite where said improvements are done, and after that date until further notice.

Your Committee think that it would be advisable that all improvements should have the assent of at least two-thirds of those parties interested before the work is commenced, and that ratepayers should have the privilege of doing the work or having it done themselves if they think fit, but it must at all times have the concurrence of, and be under the supervision of the City Engineer and Board of Works.

Your Committee believe this to be a fair and equitable scheme and would most cordially invite the assistance and co-operation of every Alderman in the matter.

In the question of public baths, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the last clause of the annexed report, as follows:

"We would recommend that the Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of the probable cost of the construction of the baths, and submit it to this Council at as early a date as possible."—And that our Solicitor be instructed to take the proper steps to give legal effect to this scheme.

Your Committee have also fully considered the sewerage question and think that the time has arrived when a more efficient system is necessary, and believe that the health and comfort of a large portion of our citizens will be jeopardized unless immediate action is taken, and would, therefore, respectfully recommend that this Council take the proper legal steps at once toward issuing debentures to the amount of $45,000, being the approximate estimate of the sum required to do the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed.) JOHN CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Greer, that the report be adopted.

Moved by Ald. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the report be laid over till the next meeting of the Council, and that the City Solicitor's opinion be given regarding the several points in the reports, and take precedence of reports. Carried.

Ald. Peel, Chairman of the Board, submitted the report of the Engineer.

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| Ward No. 1..... | $2,600 00 | $2,570 92 |
| " " 2..... | 3,254 00 | 3,289 69 |
| " " 3..... | 3,402 00 | 3,952 07 |
| " " 4..... | 2,000 00 | 1,782 68 |
| " " 5..... | 3,850 00 | 3,978 05 |
| " " 6..... | 2,800 00 | 2,700 20 |
| " " 7..... | 2,000 00 | 2,026 69 |

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Glass, that the report be received and fyled. Carried.

Upon motion Ald. Williams was allowed to read the majority report of the Board of Works:

1st. At a meeting of the Board of Works, held on the 5th Nov., called by the Chairman, the question of the Chairman's reports to the Council was discussed, several members of the Committee complaining that the proceedings of the two previous meetings had not been reported to the Council. The Chairman positively and distinctly refusing to do so, and a majority of the Committee considering that all proceedings of the Committee should be reported upon, the Chairman again refusing to do so, the following resolution was moved and seconded:

Moved and seconded that the Chairman of the Board of Works having refused to carry out the wishes of his Committee in giving a correct report to the Council of the proceeding of the Committee, be it resolved that the matter be laid before the Council with a view of reorganizing the Committee.

2nd. The majority of the Committee now beg to report the following expenditures in the various Wards of the city:

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| No. 1 Ward..... | $2,579.92 |
| No. 2 Ward..... | 3,289.67 |
| No. 3 Ward..... | 3,552.07 |
| No. 4 Ward..... | 1,782.68 |
| No. 5 Ward..... | 3,978.05 |
| No. 6 Ward..... | 2,700.20 |
| No. 7 Ward..... | 2,026.69 |

3rd. The street improvements and sidewalks are now nearly completed. A large amount of work has been done, and in the opinion of your committee judiciously performed, there are, however, still some gravelling required on the following streets: Wellington, Clarence, York, King, Dundas, Richmond and Ridout streets, which your Committee would recommend the Council to have done under the supervision of the City Engineer and His Worship the Mayor.

4th. Your Committee beg leave to report that Kensington bridge is in a dangerous condition, needing repairing. Your Committee do not consider the corporation of London responsible for the repairs of this bridge, but recommend that a Sub-Committee from this Council wait upon the County Council with a view of defining the responsibility of each municipality.

5th. It having been brought to the notice of your Committee, that the Street Railway Company are continually scraping the mud off their track and leaving it on the street, recommend that they be requested to remove the same at all times.

Your Committee recommend that for the convenience of the public, the crossings in the business portion of the city be kept in a clean condition under the superintendence of the Street Commissioner.

6th. It having been demonstrated that the use of the snow plough is a great convenience to the public, recommend that the Street Commissioner perfect this arrangement by turning out the snow ploughs not later than four o'clock each morning after a snow storm, so as to have the sidewalks in each Ward clear for the workingman and the mechanic to go to their employment by 7 o'clock.

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the report be received.

Ald. Glass—The majority state the Chairman would not bring in the report: that report was that the Board voted a want of confidence in the Chairman. Would any Chairman bring in such a report?

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the report be comitted. Carried.

Ald. Stringer in the chair.

First clause read.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Powell, that the clause be deferred. Carried.

Second clause read and passed.

Third clause read.

Moved by His Worship, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the suggested repairs be made under his and the Engineer's supervision, and that the City Engineer be instructed to make a report to this Council as to necessary repairs and the amount required for such work. Carried.

5th clause read and passed.

6th clause read and passed.

Upon motion, the report was adopted as amended.

Ald. Powell, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report:

Oct. 12.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Hospital and Relief Committee beg to report that they have examined and passed the following accounts for hospital supplies and would recommend the same to Finance Committee for payment, viz.: James Cowan, hardware, $11.66; R. Walker & Sons, dry goods, $7.93; W. J. Wilson, soap, $9.00; McBride & Boyd, tinware, $76.19; Hinton & Portwood, interments, $22.05; H. B. B. Alley, dry goods, $80.36; W. T. Strong, medicine, $49.35; Eldridge, bread, $24 95; Ranahan, bread, $29.57; O'Callaghan, groceries, $103.70; C. Bricklin, meat, $66.73; Mrs. Walsh, milk, $22.50; S. Grant, servant's wages,

$51.25; Hinton & Portwood, $37.50; total, $592.74.

The Relief officer submitted his report for September, 1879, which shows the following disbursements of cost of wood throughout the different wards of the city, viz.:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | Ward | cost of wood | | ½ cord. |
| " 2 | " | 20 | " | 000 |
| " 3 | " | 7 | " | 20 |
| " 4 | " | 0 | " | 2 |
| " 5 | " | 8 | " | 1 |
| " 6 | " | 14 | " | |
| " 7 | " | 1 | " | 0 |
| | | $57 | | 5½ |

General expenses of the Hospital during quarter, which ended Sept. 30, 1879: Meat, $204.12; groceries and liquorr, $325.01; bread, $80.17; milk, $66.50; dry goods, $88.29; straw, $15.40; med. and surg., $85.84; servants' salaries, $152.25; coffins and funerals, $22.05; soft soap, $12.00; oil, lamps, stoves, tinware, $76.19; plumbers' work, $14.70; glazing, $2.00; fish, $24.32; vegetables, $6.00; gravel, $12 75; garden seeds, $6.28; cab hire, $0.50; medical examination (young Stead), $10.00; conveying Stead to Asylum, $6.35; total, $1,210.72. Collected from paving patients and paid City Treasurer, $268.90.

Remaining in hospital, July 1st, 41; do. September 30th, 39. Number admitted, 67; medical, 39; surgical, 16; confinements, 7; births, 5. Number discharged, 69; cured, 43; improved, 22; died, 4; births, 7; deaths, 4. Number of prescriptions, 343; original, 179; refilled, 164; out-patients, 39.

Dr. Edwards—July, 19 visits; August, 23; September, 21.

Dr. Mitchell—July, 11 visits; August, 4; September, 3.

Dr. Nelles—July, 0 visits; August, 8; September, 0.

Expenses, $85.84.

November 10.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Hospital and Relief Committee beg to report that they have examined and passed the following accounts for Hospital supplies for the month of October, and would recommend the same to Finance Committee for payment, viz.:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cab hire for patients | $ 50 |
| Potatoes | 11 40 |
| Potatoes | 26 14 |
| D. Collins, ice | 12 00 |
| Bowman, coal | 25 56 |
| Edward Winter, glazing | 6 50 |
| Grant, servants' wages | 53 00 |
| Bricklin, meat | 79 97 |
| Ranahan, bread | 32 79 |
| Brock, fish | 23 24 |
| O'Callaghan, groceries | 118 24 |
| Taylor, meat | 4 80 |
| Mrs. Welsh, milk | 23 25 |
| Strong, drugs | 50 09 |
| McLennan & Co., repairs | 1 00 |
| | $481 93 |

The Relief Officer submitted his report for October, which shows the following disbursements of coal and wood for relief purposes throughout the different Wards of the city, viz.:

| | | CASH. | CORDS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | Ward | $ 9 50 | 4½ |
| " 2 | " | 7 00 | 1 |
| " 3 | " | 3 00 | ½ |
| " 4 | " | | 1½ |
| " 5 | " | 6 00 | 5 |
| " 6 | " | 13 50 | 2½ |
| " 7 | " | 1 00 | 5 |
| | | $50 00 | 17 |

Your Committee would ask permission to purchase 200 bushels each of potatoes and turnips, same to be used for relief purposes.

Your Committee would further ask that $200 be granted to the credit of your City Treasurer, same to be used for relief purposes; also that your Committee get permission to furnish rooms that require fitting up for the use of matron, steward, and the general public.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

On motion, the City Solicitor was instructed to prepare a by-law for the collection of water rates.

Ald. Thompson, Chairman of the Market Committee, submitted a report intimating that tenders had been asked for painting, whitewashing, plumbing and a drinking fountain for Covent Garden Market, and awarded as follows:—Painting and whitewashing, Henry Colderick, $126; plumbing and drinking fountain, E. Rogers & Co., $105.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Ald. Hiscox gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Board he would move that the streets through the Exhibition grounds be opened, and that a portable fence be erected therein if necessary.

The Council adjourned for one week.

# Council Proceedings.

## Council Chamber, Nov. 17th, 1879

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual hour in the Council Chamber, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present — Alds. Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Hiscox, Taylor, Glass, Edleston, Greer, Ardell, Williams, Scarrow, Rayner, Peel, Skinner, Powell, Stringer and Egan.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the following communications were read.

From Alfred Finnimore, a claim of $4.95, for springs broken through the ill condition of Wellington street, south of the railway. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From H. M. Douglas, a petition to build a frame barn at the rear of residence, on Richmond street. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Robt. Shubert, Chairman of a Committee of Cigar-makers, a request to be allowed the use of the City Hall Christmas Eve, at the lowest rate, for the purpose of holding a ball. Granted upon payment of current expenses if hall not engaged for that evening.

From George Bawden, asking the Council to remit a fine imposed by the Police Magistrate. Finance and Assessment.

Ald. Campbell read the report of the Auditors upon the accounts for the quarter ending 1st October last:

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount reported last quarter, July 1, '79 | | $141,992 06 |
| Government, for hospital acc't | $1,393 23 | |
| Fish Market | 24 00 | |
| House and store rents | 347 50 | |
| Weigh Scales, from Winnett | 124 89 | |
| Auctioneer licenses | 80 00 | |
| Market rent | 1,062 51 | |
| Jas Taylor, Collector, 1878 | 5,602 00 | |
| John Blair, " " | 8,392 00 | |
| L. & P. S. R. Co.—Costs in suit, St Thomas $ 94 00 | | |
| Rent from G W R Co. 4,440 10 | | |
| | 4,534 10 | |
| Market stalls | 390 50 | |
| School Trustees, Govern't grants, rents, etc | 2,892 26 | |
| Hospital, from paying patients | 322 90 | |
| Wood Market | 19 88 | |
| Exhibition Grounds, rents, from Scragg | 133 60 | |
| Fees and fines from Mr Abbott | 380 70 | |
| Tavern and store litenses, from Inspector | 7,268 90 | |
| Exhibitions and concerts | 195 00 | |
| Shooting gallery | 12 00 | |
| Fire department, sale of horse, '78, | 54 00 | |
| Cab license | 15 00 | |
| Temperance licenses | 48 00 | |
| | | 33,237 39 |
| | | $175,279 45 |
| Balance | | 87,309 03 |
| | | $262,588 48 |

DISBURSMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount reported to July 1, 1879 | | $205,065 83 |
| Coroner's inquests | $ 25 00 | |
| City Hall expenses | 356 45 | |
| Board of Works | 10,473 74 | |
| Co. of Middlesex, jail expenses | 1,500 00 | |
| Interest account | 16,961 24 | |
| Police department | 3,831 49 | |
| Advertising, printing and stationery | 260 23 | |
| Insurance account | 147 00 | |
| School Trustees | 7,612 75 | |
| City Gas Co account | 1,664 56 | |
| Relief to poor | 372 85 | |
| Hospital account | 1,705 58 | |
| Exhibition Grounds | 21 25 | |
| Incidental expenses | 86 70 | |
| L., H. & B. R. coupons | 3,000 00 | |
| Watering streets | 2,791 52 | |
| Salaries account | 1,766 67 | |
| Fire department | 1,922 90 | |
| General improvements | 1,484 26 | |
| Park Committee | 373 51 | |
| Registry office | 10 00 | |
| Victoria Bridge | 12 00 | |
| Taxes refunded | 1,000 00 | |
| Administration of justice, witnesses | 12 70 | |
| City pound | 28 50 | |
| Board of Health | 71 65 | |
| | | 57,522 65 |
| | | $262,588 48 |

Audited and found correct.

A. G. SMYTH,
B SCHRAM,
Auditors.

London, Ont., 14th November, 1879.

In the matter in connection with the Fire Department accounts, referred to us by the Finance Committee, we beg to report as follows: We find an overpayment by sixty dollars ($60), by drafts Nos. 45 and 540, covering numerous small accounts passed by the Council and paid by the Treasurer, as per statement herewith enclosed, and we respectfully recommend that a cheque for that amount be issued to the Treasurer ($60) and debited to the Fire Department.

The Fire Department of 1878 in account with Treasurer for the following errors in accounts.

| | |
|---|---|
| Drafts 45 issued by Mr. Abbott for | $273 36 |
| Should be as passed by the Council accounts and paid | 373 36 |
| Difference | $100 00 |
| Less the following | |
| Draft No. 440 issued for | $333 44 |
| Off this allowed Egan's claim | 40 00 |
| | $293 44 |
| The $40 was passed afterward, and included in draft No. 567. | $ 40 00 |
| | $ 60 00 |

This amount of $60 due Treasurer Fire Department 1879.

A. G. SMYTH, B. SCRAHM, } Auditors.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mr. C. P. Smith upon motion was heard upon the application submitted to the Council, to lay pipes from the furniture manufactory on King street, to the G. W. R. track for the purpose of conveying tar to the establishment.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman of the Special Committee, submitted the report published in the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, for the consideration of the Board. He also submitted the opinion of the City Solicitor regarding certain clauses of the report. The opinion was as follows :

The Municipal Act makes provision for making local improvements at the expense of the owner of the real property benefited by them, but a reference to the Act shows :

1. That the provisions referred to are limited to the following works :

(*a*) Making, enlarging or prolonging a common sewer.

(*b*) Opening, widening, prolonging or altering. macadamizing, grading, levelling, paving or planking a street, alley, public way or place, sidewalk or bridge forming part of a highway.

2. That where the Corporation does not contribute half the cost of the work, a petition from two-thirds in number representing half in value of the real property of the owners of the real property benefited by the work must be obtained before the Council can act.

4. That where the Corporation contributes one-half the cost, a petition in the first instance is not necessary; but, if within a month after publication of notice of the proposed assessment a majority of the property owners representing half the value of the property petition against the work being done, it cannot be done by local assessment.

5. That where the work is a common sewer having a sectional area of more than four feet, the Corporation is bound to provide one-third the cost of it.

6. That the liability to assessment is not limited to the owners of property opposite to which the work is done, but applies to all property (real) benefitted by the work.

7. That the cost of the work is defrayed by an annual rate on the real property benefitted, according to its value, exclusive of improvements.

If, therefore, the Special Committee, in recommending a frontage tax, mean a tax of so much a foot according to the frontage of the property opposite to which the work is done, no power exists at present to enable the scheme proposed to be put in operation ; but if the levying of the rate according to the value of the property benefitted, exclusive of improvements, would be satisfactory, then the Council has the power requisite for the particular kinds of work to which the Act applies, as I have pointed out ; but this power can be exercised in the one case only on petition of the property owners, and, in the others, may be prevented from being exercised by an adverse petition from them.

If it is necessary to the proposed scheme that the Council should have power without expense to the property owners, or being controlled by them to do the work and pay for it by local assessment, or that the cost should be defrayed by a rate according to the frontage of the property benefitted, legislation will be necessary to enable it to be carried out, and this must be had either in the shape of an amendment of the general law or special legislation for the case of London.

I may add that I think it very doubtful, in view of the policy of the Government as to granting special legislation, that special legislation can be obtained, and that I would recommend that, if it be determined to apply for legislative authority to put the proposed scheme into operation, an amendment to the general law should be sought, as well as the special legislation by means of a private act.

Legislation will also be necessary to enable the system of public baths proposed to be carried out, and it can be applied for at the same time and in the same way.



Upon motion the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Ald. Powell in the chair.

The report of the Special Committee concerning frontage tax was again read.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Rayner, seconded by Ald. Glass, that all properties not yet having had improvements made in front of them shall be exempt. Lost.

Upon motion the time was extended.

Moved by Ald. Egan, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the question of frontage tax be referred back to the Special Committee in order that a more equitable basis may be submitted. Lost.

This portion of the report was then passed.

Second clause read and passed.

The third clause was read as follows:

Your Committee have also fully considered the sewerage question and think that the time has arrived when a more efficient system is necessary, and believe that the health and comfort of a large portion of our citizens will be jeopardized unless immediate action is taken, and would, therefore, respectfully recommend that this Council take the proper legal steps at once toward issuing debentures to the amount of $45,000, being the approximate estimate of the sum required to do the work.

After a short discussion the clause passed.

The Committee arose and His Worship resumed the chair.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Campbell gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would move that the Council remit a fine imposed upon John Reid, hotel-keeper, for refusing to admit a policeman to the hotel.

The Council then adjourned for two weeks.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Dec. 8th, 1879*

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Present—Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Powell, Skinner, Taylor, Green, Edleston, Glass, Ardell, Rayner, Peel, Hiscox, Fitzgerald, Stringer, Egan, Scarrow.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by His Worship.

The following communications were read :—

From Mrs. Moore, Secretary of the Trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home, asking a free grant of the City Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday next. Granted.

From E. H. Gustin, asking for a license for one-third of the year for billiard table in the Cousins House. Granted.

From Benj. A. Barnard, auctioneer, asking that the fee of $15 paid by him as license be refunded, as the license had been rescinded. Granted.

From Alex. Gauld, an appeal against assessment. Referred to Finance Committee.

From John Nelin, petitioning to be allowed to erect a frame store-room at the rear of his kitchen, near the corner of Dundas and Clarence streets. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From V. Cronyn, asking permission to occupy a portion of Market Square with building materials while erecting a block of buildings. Granted.

From J. H. White, Secretary of the Reception Committee, a detailed statement of the amounts placed to the credit of the Reception Committee. The statement shows the total amounts which has been placed to the credit of the Committee to be $1,229.65, amount of claims passed, $1,016.18, amount of claims referred to Council, $273.00. Total claims $1,209.18. Deficiency, $59.73.

From Thomas Miles, an account of $126.12 for coal supplied. Fire, Water and Gas.

From Dr. C. S. Moore, for night visit to Police Station, $200. Referred to Police Commissioners.

From Wm. Bryce, account rendered, $78.48. Referred to Finance Committee.

From M. D. Dawson, an account for printing, $12.00. Referred to Printing Committee.

A By-law appointing polling places and Deputy-Returning officers for holding the next election was introduced as follows :

No. 1 Ward—1st subdivision at City Hall—E. Glackmeyer, Deputy-Returning Officer ; 2nd do., at J. M. Cousins' office, R. Scott.

No. 2 Ward—1st subdivision at Talbot Street School—W. McBride ; 2nd do., at Bennett Bros. office, John Plummer.

No 3 Ward—1st subdivision at McPhail's office—J. M. Keary ; 2nd do, Horton Street School—A. Wallace.

No. 4 Ward—James Percival's house, Queen's Avenue—C. S. Corrigan.

No. 5 Ward—1st subdivision at Colborne Street School—John McKenzie ; 2nd do. at Thomas Wilson's house—Alex. Purdom.

No. 6 Ward—1st subdivision at Bond Street School—Alex. Gunn ; 2nd do. at J. Kiely's house—H. S. Woodward.

No. 7 Ward—At St George's School—R. Dinahan.

The By-law was read three times and passed.

Ald. Campbell, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report :

The Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts, found them correct, and would recommend the same to be paid—

| | |
|---|---|
| Hospital account | $656 71 |
| Relief account | 171 09 |
| Fire department | 333 79 |
| Police department and station | 159 26 |
| Incidental expenses | 12 76 |
| Registry office | 6 00 |
| Board of Health | 2 25 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Palace Grounds, three months' salary to Scragg ..... | 45 00 |
| | $1,386 88 |

R. Wigmore's account of $3—recommend no action.

Your committee is forced to call the attention of the Council to the increasing heavy taxation of this city, and would respectfully submit that it is necessary to take vigorous steps to reduce the same, and would cordially invite the co-operation of the whole Council.

1. Your committee would urge (what we have repeatedly done) the necessity of the most rigid economy in every department.

2. The necessity of realizing on all our available property that can be disposed of, subject to the approval of the Council.

3. The necessity of petitioning the Local Legislature in order to have the Municipal Act changed, so as to make all property, now exempt by law, subject to taxation, except church buildings.

With reference to Savings Societies your committee would recommend that the Act be amended so as to compel the manager of each institution of this kind to give the Assessors a correct statement of their amount of stock, so as to enable them to assess the same. The same to apply to private banks also, but not to interfere with the $400 exemption clause.

Your committee would recommend the advisability of disposing by sale of our Exhibition Grounds, and that a by-law for that purpose be submitted to the ratepayers at as early a date as possible—proceeds of sale to be applied in reducing our heavy taxation.

Your committee recommend that this committee instruct W. R. Meredith, Esq., M. P. P., to obtain an Act of the Legislature so as to empower the Council of the city of London to collhct the taxes of said city as follows, viz.: A rebate of six per cent. per month to all parties paying their taxes during the month of January in each and every year, four per cent. for the month of February, and two per cent. for the month of March.

And we would further recommand that the rate of interest to be collected on all unpaid taxes on and after the 1st April in each and every year be as follows, viz.: Two per cent. for the month of April, four per cent. for the month of May, six per cent. for the month of June, and an advance of two per cent. for each and every month until the taxes are all collected.

Upon motion the report was committed. Ald. Hiscox in the chair.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that that portion of the report referring to accounts pass. Carried.

Second and third classes read and passed.

Fourth clause read and passed.

Fifth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Powell, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the clause be referred back to the Committee to report. Carried.

Fifth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that the clause be struck out.

On motion the time was extended.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Skinner, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter be referred back to the Finance Committee to report a new scheme.

The amendment lost, and the clause passed.

Seventh clause read.

Moved by Ald. Greer, seconded by Ald. Ardell, that the clause be referrred back to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Committee arose and the Council resumed.

Upon motion the report was adopted as amended.

The Council then adjourned.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Dec. 15th, 1879*

The Council met at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present—Alds. Pritchard, Muirhead, Campbell, Powell, Fitzgerald, Stringer, Skinner, Taylor, Hiscox, Greer, Eldleston, Glass, Ardell, Boyd, Rayner, Egan, Peel, Scarrow, Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed by the Mayor, the following communications were read:

From Isaiah Danks, Secretary of the Water Commissioners, suggesting that the Water-works Act be so amended at next meeting of the Legislature that the persons to fill the office of Water Commissioners shall be elected for the term of two years, one to retire each year, and also that the nomination and election take place at the same place and time as for Mayor, and other minor points to facilitate the working of the Act. Fyled.

From Jas. Thompson, complaining of the grading done by the Commissioners, the filling up of Colborne street, between Pall Mall and Picadilly, causing the water to flood his cellar. Referred to the City Engineer.

From W. J. Thompson, carriage maker, asking the privilege of placing vehicles occasionally on the plank walk opposite his manufactory, and that the fines imposed upon him for breach of by-law be remitted. Referred to Board of Works and Finance Committee with power.

From Arthur Darvill, petitioning to be allowed to erect an addition to residence on Litchfield street. Granted.

From Richard Davy, of Winnipeg, offering himself as engineer to superintend the construction of the sewerage. Referred to Board of Works.

From the *Catholic Record*, an account of $3.60 for printing. Referred to Printing Committee.

From John Kincaid, an account of $53.75 for dpmage caused by defective drainage. Referred to Board of Works.

By-law to regulate the proceedings of the Council was read a second and third time and passed.

Ald. Egan, Chairman, submitted the following report:—

1st. Your Committee recommend the prayer of H. M. Douglas be granted.

2nd. The petition of John Nellin, be referred to the members of Ward No. 4.

3rd. Your Committee recommend the payment of the account of Thos. Myles, for coal, amounting to $125.27.

4th. Your Committee recommend that the prayer of Smith & Fitzgerald be granted, subject to the supervision and approbation of the Chief of Fire Brigade and City Engineer, who will be responsible for any increased fire risk, or the object of petition becoming a nuisance.

5th. Your Committee would recommend the Council to request the Dominion Government, through the Hon. John Carling, to appoint a Gas Inspector.

6th. Your Committee submit the following statement, furnished by the Chief of Police, of the number of street lamps not lighted to a date as follows:

"London, Dec. 15, 1879.

"To J. Egan, Esq., Chairman of Fire, Water and Gas Committee:—

"Sir,—In compliance with your request of this date, I have the honor to report that since the first of October last up to date, the number of street lamps not lighted on nights when they should have been lighted, as per contract, are 2,903. There was also one night (the 22nd October), when all the lamps, counted as 257, were extinguished at or before midnight.

"I would add that in the south part of the city, viz., South, Gray, Clarence, Colborne and Waterloo streets, the lamps have been very irregularly lighted, and often not lighted for weeks. The former remark may be applied to all the outer Wards, but I find only four lamps are reported as not lighted last night."

The following resolution was passed in committee:—

"That the London Gas Light Company

be notified that the conditions of their contract with the city, in so far as the lighting the street lamps is concerned, has been to a very large exteat violated or neglected; that a large number of lamps have not been lighted at all up to the present date, and a still greater number have been irregularly lighted; and that if the cause of these complaints be not removed at once, this Committee will recommend the making arrangements with the City Gas Company to light the said neglected street lamps, the cost of which to be charged to the London Gas Light Company contractors."

Upon motion the report was committed. Ald. Pritchard in the chair.

First 2nd and 3rd clauses read and passed.

Fourth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Rayner, that the matter be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

Fifth and 6th clauses read and passed.

On motion the Committee arose and the Council resumed.

Moved and seconded, that the report be adopted as amended. Carried.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman, submitted the following report:

The Finance Committee beg to report, that they have examined the following accounts, find them correct, and would recommend the same be paid:—

| | |
|---|---|
| E. A. Taylor, stationery | $40 77 |
| M. D. Dawson | 12 00 |
| | $52 77 |

Subject to the Printing Committee.

We beg to submit the statement for watering streets as prepared by the City Clerk:—

Amount for 1879, total ..... $3,973 76

And would recommend that a By-Law be passed to levy the same.

In the matter of taxing the revenue of Stock held by building societies and other similar institutions, we would recommend, after reconsideration, the adoption of the clause of our last report, referring to the same.

We would also recommend legislation be also obtained, so as to enable this Council to make such rebate as they may deem proper on all taxes paid before they are due.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Upon motion the report was committed. Ald. Powell in the chair.

First and second clauses read and passed.

Third clause read.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Ardell, that inasmuch as several of the streets were watered for a considerable time previous to letting the contract, Be it therefore resolved that that clause relative to street watering be referred back so as to have the rate struck proportionately according to the time of watering. Carried.

Fourth and fifth clauses read and passed.

On motion the Council resumed.

The amendment in committee ruled out of order, and on motion the report was adopted as submitted.

Ald. Peel submitted a letter from Messrs. Ferguson Bros., enquiring the reason that the City Engineer does not grant them a certificate for walks laid on Wellington street, No. 3 Ward, to the amount of between $65 and $100. The work was done before the 1st of August, they were instructed to build by the members of the Board from that ward, and asking the prompt attention of the Board. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Peel asked that the Council ask for tenders for 100 cord of cobble stone in order that the poor people in the city may have an opportunity of earning a livelihood. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Powell, Chairmam of the Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Hospital and Relief Committee beg to report that they have examined, passed and referred the following accounts for hospital supplies for the month of November, to Finance Committee for payment, viz.:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid for | Trees | $11 88 |
| " " | Straw | 10 00 |
| " " | Cab hire | 1 00 |
| " " | D. Fraser, Repairs | 17 70 |
| " " | O'Callaghan, Groceries | 135 77 |
| " " | Bricklin, Meat | 64 95 |
| " " | Walsh, Milk | 23 63 |
| " " | Ranahan, Bread | 33 84 |
| " " | Grant, Servant's Wages | 60 50 |
| " " | Chapman, Dry Goods | 7 50 |
| " " | Joliff & Co., Gas Fit'rs. | 22 58 |
| " " | Alley & Co., Dry Goods | 100 81 |
| " " | Myles, Coal | 12 00 |
| " " | Strong, Drugs | 47 50 |
| " " | Ferguson, Furniture | 45 00 |
| | | $656 71 |



The Relief Officer submits the following report for November:

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| No. 1 | Ward | ..... | Cash, | $ 9 50 | .... | Wood, 9 | cords. |
| No. 2 | " | ..... | " | 17 00 | .... | " 2½ | " |
| No. 3 | " | ..... | " | 1 00 | .... | " 7 | " |
| No. 4 | " | ..... | " | 3 00 | .... | " 4 | " |
| No. 5 | " | ..... | " | 12 00 | .... | " 15 | " |
| No. 6 | " | ..... | " | 14 00 | .... | " 14 | " |
| No. 7 | " | ..... | " | 5 00 | .... | " 4½ | " |
| | | | | $60 50 | | 56 cords. | |

Your Committee would recommend that the Matron of the City Hospital receive a salary at the rate of $200 per annum for her services in said institution.

Ald. Powell asked, in connection with the report, that the Committee be empowered to purchase an illuminated address for the retiring matron of the Hospital, Mrs. Grant, and also that the Committee be permitted to tender for a supply of wood. Granted.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Campbell moved that the fine imposed upon John Reid last spring be remitted. Carried.

The Clerk submitted the report of the Reception Committee.

Moved by Ald. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be referred to a Special Committe. Carried.

On motion, the following Aldermen were appointed the Special Committee: Ald. Glass, Taylor, Raynor, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Hiscox, Boyd.

Ald. Scarrow moved in accordance with notice of motion "that the office of collector of taxes be abolished," and in doing so he thought that the City Chamberlain could be appointed, and they could appoint an assistant.

Council adjourned.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Dec. 23rd, 1879*

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual hour, in the Council Chamber, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present: Alds. Pritchard, Powell, Ardell, Stringer, Rayner, Campbell, Hiscox, Greer, Taylor, Glass, Skinner, Fitzgerald, Boyd, Williams, Scarrow, Egan.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and signed by the Mayor, the following communications were read:

From James Creighton, asking reduction in taxes to the amount of $20. Referred to Court of Revision.

From J. S. Watson, Secretary of L. O. Y. B. Band, asking permission to practice in one of the buildings of the Exhibition Grounds. Referred to Exhibition Committee with power.

From T. Peel, $120 for pants supplied the Police Force. Referred to Finance Committee.

From C. McCallum, $5.28, balance of account rendered. Referred to Finance Committee.

Ald. Egan. Chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report:

That the sureties of the London Gaslight Company have applied to the Mayor and City Engineer for a certificate under the contract that their works have been completed in accordance therewith, on which the liability of sureties by the terms of the contract ceases. The Engineer has certified to your Committee accordingly, and his certificate accompanies the report, the Mayor desiring that the Council should be apprised of the matter before giving his certificate.

Your Committee report facts to the Council, and recommend that the Mayor sign the necessary certificate.

Your Committee would recommend a lamp being placed opposite the Protestant Home, providing that no objection is raised by the London Gaslight Company, and that this Corporation incur no liability as to the condition of contract with said Company.

The cost per annum as offered by City Gas Company to be $14.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Muirhead, Chairman, submitted the following report:

Your Committee would state that they have received a report from Mr. Dundas, License Inspector, which is very satisfactory, showing total amount collected $742.56. Your Committee should also recommend that the Licensed Inspector be furnished with proper books necessary, to keep a record of licenses collected by him. All of which are respectfuly submitted.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Eddleston suggested that it might be advisable to call the Board of Works together, in order that the cobble stones referred to at the last meeting of the Council might be procured.

His Worship stated that it was his intention to call a meeting of the Board this evening.

Ald. Thompson, chairman, submitted the following report:

Your Committee report that they have opened the tenders for the market fees, and recommend that the tender of Mr. W. Magee, Jr., for the market fees, at $4,440 net, and Mr. Wainwright for the basement of the market at $576—these being the highest tenders, be accepted.

Upon motion the original tenders for the market were read.

1st clause was read.

Upon motion the clause passed subject to the reservation, that if the ground be not used the rebate of $80 be added.

Second clause read.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Ardell, that the Mayor and the Market Committee be instructed to await on the sureties and ascertain if the tender was a legitimate one.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Eddleston, that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration. Carried.

On motion the Committee arose and the Council resumed.

Upon motion the report was adopted as amended.

The petition to amend the Municipal Assessment Act was read by the clerk.

Moved by Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Glass, that a By-law be submitted to the electors at the next municipal election as to whether the city improvement shall be done by a frontage tax, and if so we petition legislation to carry out the effect. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that the draft petition to the Legislative Assembly now read, praying for certain amendments to the municipal and assessment act be adopted, and that it be engrossed, signed by the Mayor under the corporate seal of the city and forwarded to the proper parties. Carried.

Ald. Scarrow moved in accordance with notice of motion, that the officer of Tax Collector be abolished.

The Council adjourned for want of a quorum.

# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, Dec. 29th, 1879*

The Council met at the usual hour in the Council chamber, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present — Aldermen Campbell, Pritchard, Thompson, Skinner, Taylor, Hiscox, Greer, Edleston, Glass, Ardell, Scarrow, Rayner, Peel, Egan.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed by the Mayor, the foll wing communications were read :—

From Messrs. Cronyn, Kew & Betts, enclosing an account for $78, for Mr. Wm. Bryce, for goods furnished the Reception Committee of the Vice-Regal reception, and asking that it be paid at once; otherwise the matter will be placed into Court for collection. Referred to the Reception Committee.

From Mrs. J. Osborne, applying for the free use of the City Hall on Friday evening, 2nd January, for an entertainment in aid of the Ragged School. Granted.

From Rev. J. M. Hodson, asking remission of taxes on house occupied by him on Colborne street, on the ground that he is a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist Church. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Wm. Spence, for reduction of taxes on personal property. Referred to Finance Committee.

From J. D. Egdar, President of the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Co., sending maps showing line of R. R., and asking the Council to adopt a petition to the Governor General, in Council, praying that a subsidy may be granted in its aid. Referred to Railway Committee.

An account from M. D. Dawson, for printing and advertising, amounting to $22 28, referred to Printing Committee.

The By-law for appointing Wm. Magee Market Clerk, was read the first, second and third times and finally passed.

Ald. Thompson, Chairman, submitted the following report :

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Mr. Wm. Trebilcock for the market basement stalls at $565 be accepted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Ardell, that the highest tender for the basement of the Market be accepted.

Moved in amendment to the amendment that the matter be referred back to the Committee. Lost.

On a division Ald. Pritchard's amendment was carried.

The yeas and nays being demanded the following vote was recorded :—

YEAS—Pritchard, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Glass, Ardill and Egan and Peel.

NAYS—Campbell, Hiscox, Edlestone, Scarrow and Rayner.

The license of occupation of stalls in basement of Covent Garden Market to James B. Wainwright was read, and on motion signed by His Worship.

The Clerk read the report of the Board as follows :

Your Committee beg to report that they have referred the communications of Messrs. Thompson, Kincaid, and Ferguson Bros. to the Engineer for investigation.

Your Committee would recommend that one hundred cords of stone be advertised for, to be delivered on the Exhibition Grounds during the month of January next.

Your Committee have requested the City Engineer and Street Commissioner to attend this evening and explain why the planks were placed in the yards mentioned by Ald. Peel, and how they have been disposed of.

Resolutions for taking a vote of the electors on the questions of adopting the frontage tax system and as to the selling the exhibition grounds was submitted.

The Council adjourned for want of a quorum.